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Remember to Display Red Decals to Avoid Fines

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – Law enforcement officers will be checking vehicle decals closely next week. Falls Church City residents, including military personnel, are reminded that they must display their red Falls Church City decals for tax year 2005 on all vehicles or risk getting a ticket and a fine.

Police and/or Sheriff Departments from Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, and Manassas Cities, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties, and the Towns of Herndon and Middleburg participate in a region-wide enforcement effort commencing on Monday, Nov. 22. Decals should be affixed to the right of the state Safety Inspection sticker. Decals from prior years should be removed before affixing the current one. Motorcycle decals should be affixed to the bike's fork next to the state Safety Inspection sticker.

By law, the deadline for displaying the red 2005 decals was Nov. 15. On or after Nov. 22, law enforcement personnel in participating jurisdictions will issue tickets to drivers of vehicles without decals or with expired decals (e.g. last year's blue decal).

Vehicles can be registered at the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, which is located in Suite 104E of the East Wing of City Hall at 300 Park Avenue. Contact the Commissioner's Office at (703) 248-5018 or via e-mail at commissioner@ci.falls-church.va.us. A vehicle registration form is available on the city's Web site at www.ci.falls-church.va.us and it can be downloaded, completed and faxed to the Commissioner's Office, (703) 248-5212, to register a vehicle.

If you have paid your 2004 personal property tax and have not received your decal, contact the Treasurer's Office at (703) 248-5046 or via e-mail at fctreas@aol.com. Decal fees are \$25/car, truck or van weighing less than 7500 lbs, \$24/motorcycle and \$24/taxicab. Call for decal fees for commercial vehicles. There is no prorating for decals. Vehicle decals will be issued at no cost to active duty military personnel who reside in the City due to military orders, and who are the sole owners of vehicles garaged or parked in the City and who maintain their legal residences in a state other than Virginia. Vehicles with out-of-state license plates are required to display a City decal if they are garaged here.

If you would like help removing your old decal and applying your new one, you can participate in the Commissioner's new "Drive-Up and Scrape-Off" decal program. Just contact the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue at (703) 248-5018 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 am until 5 pm, and someone will be glad to come out to your car and scrape off your old decal and affix your new decal. No is appointment necessary.

For more information, call Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue at (703) 248-5018.

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